

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 14, 2004. Claims 2-6 are presented for examination, of which Claim 4 is in independent form. Claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 2, 4, and 6 have been amended as discussed below. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The specification and abstract have been carefully reviewed and amended as to matters of form.

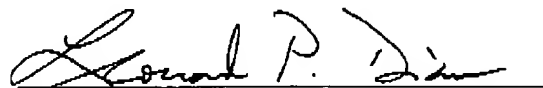
The specification has been amended, in response to the objection to the drawings, to include reference numbers 2b, 2c, and 18a, in Fig. 1, and to refer to Figs. 9A-9E. Support for these changes can be found, for example, in Figures 1 and 9A-9E, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Claim 4 has been rewritten accordingly and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. The other claims in this application are each dependent from Claim 4 and are therefore also believed patentable for that reason.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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